

# High Temperature (> 400° C) Fuel Cells

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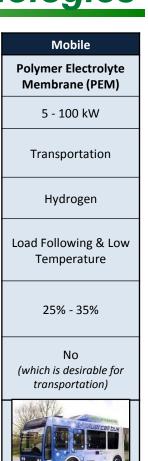
# Fuel Cell Technologies

	MW - Class
Technology	Carbonate (MCF
System Size Range	300 kW – 3.7 MV
Typical Application	Utilities, Commerc Industrial - Baselo
Fuel	Natural Gas, Direc Biogas
Advantages	High Efficiency & CHP
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Combined Heat & Power (CHP)	Steam, Hot Wate Chilling & Bottom Cycles

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Sub-MV	V - Class
Phosphoric Acid (PAFC)	Solid Oxide (SOFC)
400 kW	> 50kW
Commercial Buildings - Baseload	Industrial and Commercial Buildings - Baseload
Natural Gas	Natural Gas
СНР	High Efficiency & CHP
40% - 42%	50% - 60%
Hot Water, Chilling	Steam, Hot Water, Chilling & Bottoming Cycles
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Micro CHP
PEM/SOFC
< 10 kW
Residential & Small Commercial
Natural Gas
СНР
25% - 40%
Suitable for Facility Heating
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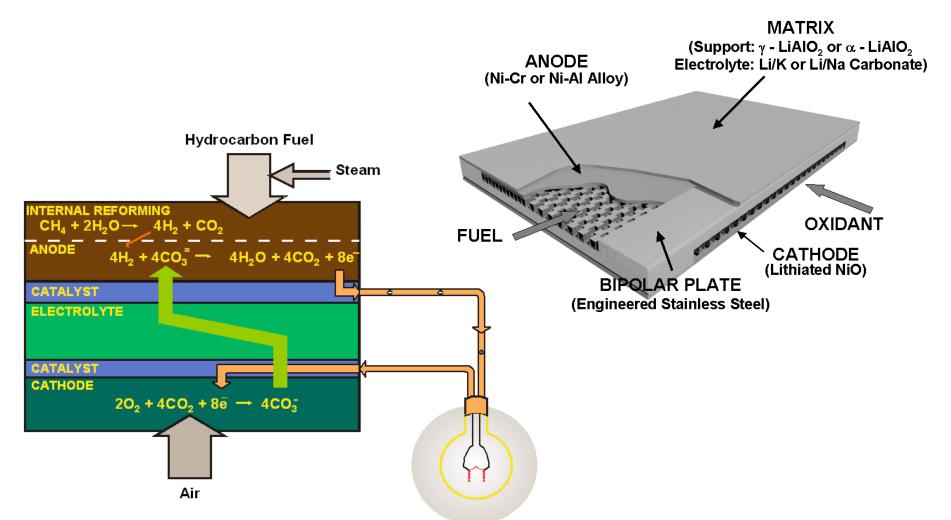




# Moten Carbonate Fuel Cell (MCFC)



## MCFC-Based Direct FuelCell



Direct FuelCell®, or DFC® refers to the fact that fuel is sent directly to the fuel cell stack, without an external reformation step



## **MCFC Power Plants**







#### 1.4 MW DFC1500<sup>®</sup>

- Utilizes one module
- Adequate to power 1,400 homes



#### 2.8 MW DFC3000<sup>®</sup>

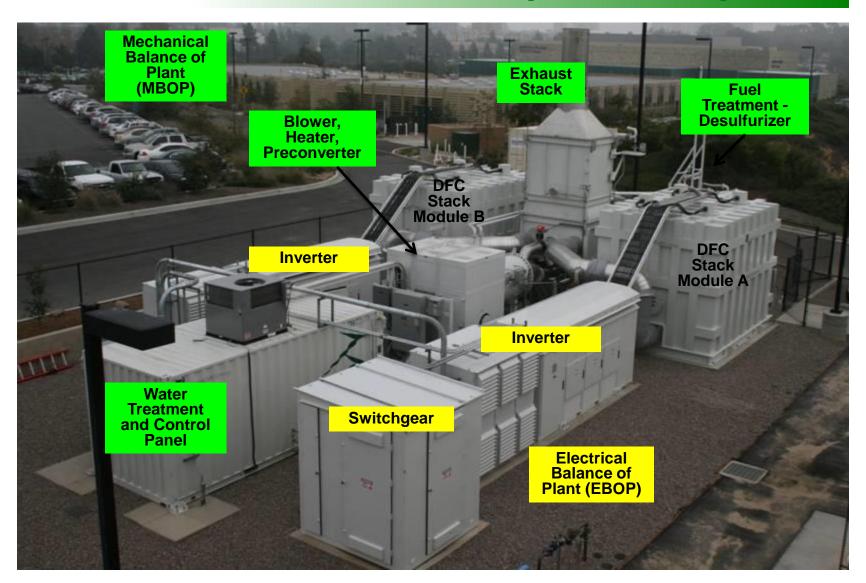
- Utilizes two modules
- Adequate to power 2,800 homes



59MW fuel cell park



# Powerplant Subsystems



2.8 MW DFC3000 Power Plant



# Two Types of Applications

### On-site Power (Behind the Meter)

#### Typical Project sizes 1.4 – 11.2 MW

- Affordable & Clean energy
  - High efficiency drives savings
  - CHP reduces costs and improves customer's carbon footprint
  - Virtual lack of pollutants benefits public health
- Supports energy security (micro-grid)

## **Electric Grid Support**

#### Typical Project Sizes 5.6 – 60 MW

- Cost effective baseload power
  - when/where needed (i.e. next to existing sub-stations)
  - Avoids transmission cost and permitting / reduces congestion
- Enhances grid resiliency
- Supports economic development & renewable portfolio standards







## Natural Gas & Renewable Markets

#### **Natural Gas**

- Electric Utilities & IPPs
- Education & Healthcare
- Gas Transmission
- Industrial
- Commercial, Data Centers
- Government
- Oil Production & Refining

## **Renewable Biogas**

- Wastewater
- Food & Beverage Processing
- Agriculture
- Landfill Gas





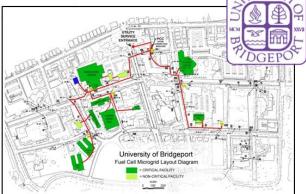


# Fuel cell micro-grids

#### Fuel cells only:

Fuel cells can be the sole energy source for a micro-grid







Turnkey solution includes:

designing and modeling the
micro-grid
&
building, operating and
maintaining the fuel cell

power plant

#### Combined with other power generation systems:

Fuel cell micro-grids can operate in tandem with other on-site power generation technologies





"A fuel cell powered by directed biogas is the cornerstone of the micro-grid operation."





## Fuel Cell Plants in Bridgeport, CT



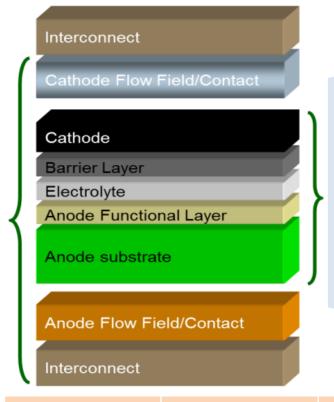


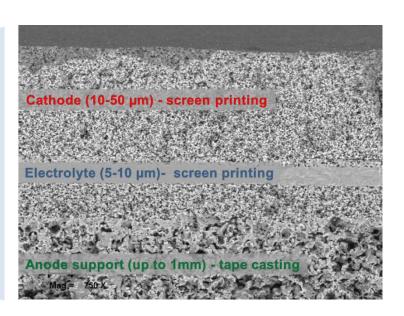
# Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC)



# Anode-Supported SOFC Technology Overview

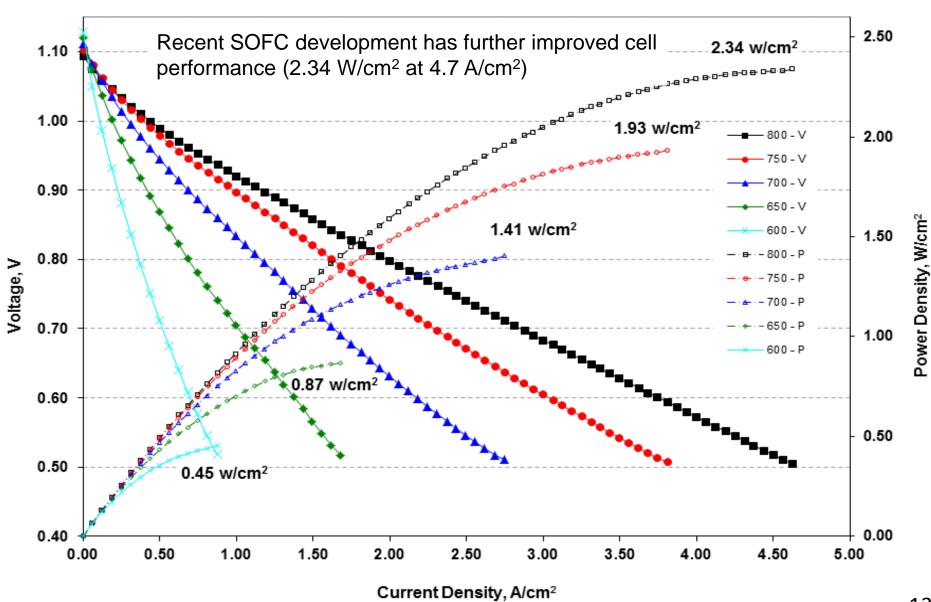
Stack Repeat Unit





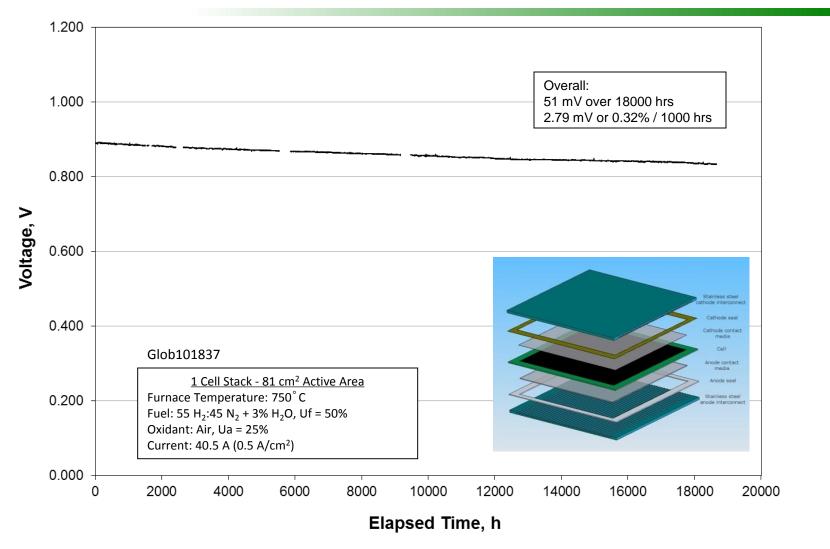
Component	Materials	Thickness Porosity		Process	
Anode	Ni/YSZ	0.3 - 0.6 mm	~ 40%	Tape casting	
Electrolyte	YSZ	5 - 10 μm	< 5%	Screen printing	
Cathode	Conducting ceramic	10 - 50 μm	~ 30%	Screen printing	

## Recent SOFC Performance





## Long-term Performance



Long-term cell endurance was verified in >2 years of operation with a 0.32%/1000h performance degradation



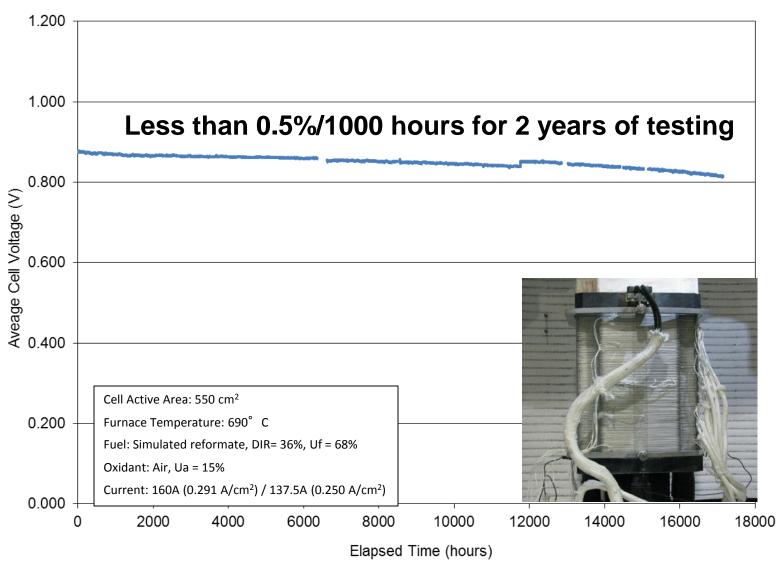
# **Baseline Stack Building Block**

Operating Conditions		
Fuel Utilization	68%	
Air Utilization	15 – 40%	
In-Stack Reforming	25 – 70%	
Stack Current	160 A (291 mA/cm²)	
Gross DC Electrical Power	~16 kW	



Cell Size	25 x 25 cm <sup>2</sup>		
Active Area	550 cm <sup>2</sup>		
Number of Cells	120		







# 50 kW System Performance Summary

	Design	Actual
DC Power (gross)	55.1 kW	56.2 kW
Natural Gas Fuel Flow	4.9 scfm	5.03 scfm
Fuel Energy (LHV)	80.8 kW	82.7 kW
Water Consumption	0	0
Gross Module DC Efficiency (LHV)	68.2%	67.9%
Total on Load Time	1500 hrs	>1500 hrs
Overall Stack Performance Degradation	<1% per 1000 hrs	<1% per 1000 hrs



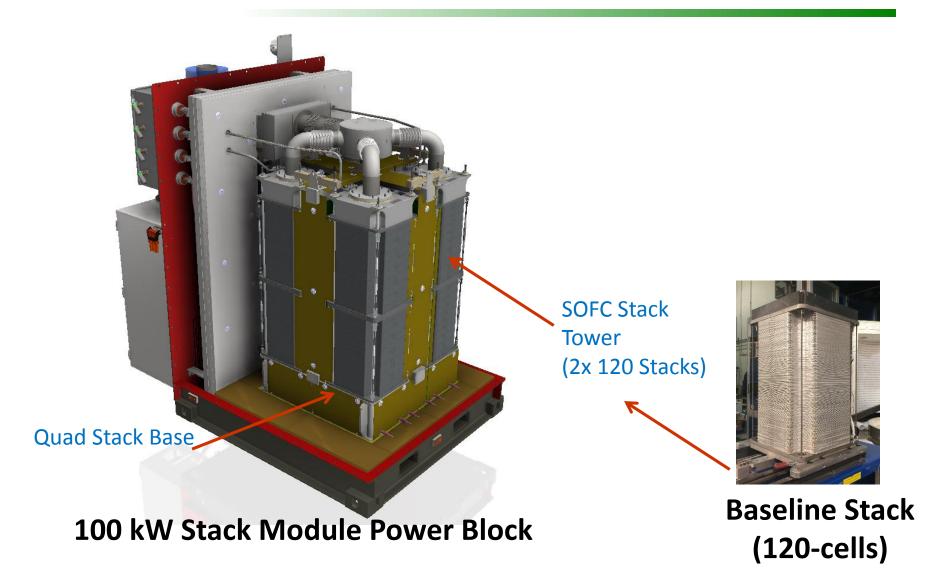
50kW proof of concept for SOFC system design at factory testing facility



- System is designed with the capability to achieve 200 kW net ac
- It houses (2) 100kW SOFC Module Power Blocks (MPB)
- Skid sized as standard ISO 20' x 8' shipping container
- Thermally integrated modules enable compact system design
- 2.5X higher power density than 50kW Plant:
  - 50kW = 2.23 ft<sup>2</sup>/kW
  - 200kW = 0.88 ft<sup>2</sup>/kW
- Stack Module and BOP factory assembled & shipped as a single skid
- Capable of operation with a single module

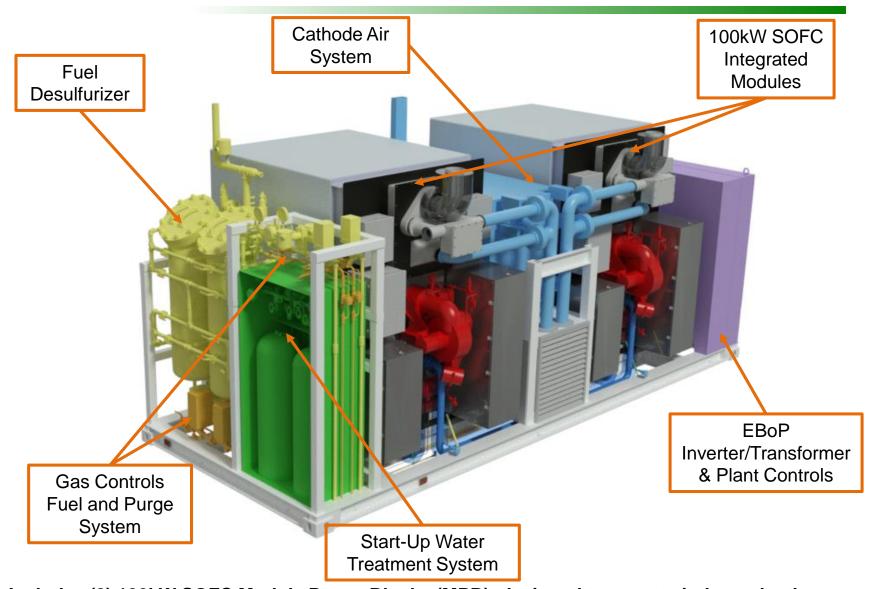


## 100 kW SOFC Stack Module





# 200kW SOFC Power System Layout



- Includes (2) 100kW SOFC Module Power Blocks (MPB) designed to operate independently
- Factory assembled & shipped as a standard ISO 20' x 8' container



# 200 kW SOFC System Performance

#### **200 kW SOFC System Performance Summary**

SOFC Gross Power	Normal Operating Conditions		Rated Power	
DC Power	225.0	kW	244.0	kW
Energy & Water Input				
Natural Gas Fuel Flow	19.7	scfm	21.6	scfm
Fuel Energy (LHV)	323.2	kW	355.5	kW
Water Consumption @ Full Power	0	gpm	0	gpm
Consumed Power				
AC Power Consumption	10.8	kW	12.5	kW
Inverter Loss	11.3	kW	12.2	kW
Total Parasitic Power Consumption	22.0	kW	24.7	kW
Net Generation & Waste Heat Availability				
SOFC Plant Net AC Output	203.0	kW	219.3	kW
Available Heat for CHP (to 48.9°C)	84.7	kW	90.8	kW
Exhaust Temperature - nominal	370	°C	370	°C
Efficiency				
Electrical Efficiency (LHV)	62.8	%	61.7	%
Total CHP Efficiency (LHV) to 48.9°C	89.0	%	87.2	%



## Innovative SOFC Concepts



Current Pre-Commercial Integrated Manifold (PCI)
Stack



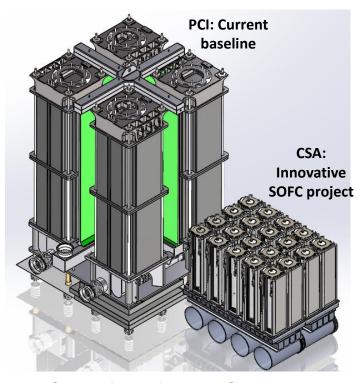
Compact SOFC Architecture (CSA) Stack with ~10-fold Increase in W/kg Power Density

#### Objective

Develop an innovative stack design enabling significant reduction in stack cost relative to baseline stack design (PCI)

#### Approach

- Thinned components to reduce stack material content
- Use of same cell, interconnect and coating materials validated in the PCI platform
- Increased cell count per stack and simplified end plates
- Designed for automated assembly
- Simplified and fewer discrete components
- Optimized thermal and flow design to control temperature variations



Comparison of 100 kW Stack Module Based on Current PCI Stack Design (Left) and CSA Stack Design (Right)